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1. SUMMARY: IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 6 REFTTEL, WE ARE HEREBY SEEKING NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT STEPS, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN IN ECUADOR ON KOREA ISSUE. OUR PRESENT VIEW IS THAT ECUADOR IS FULLY AWARE OUR VITAL CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE BUT DOES NOT AT THIS TIME CONSIDER IT TO BE IN ECUADOR'S INTEREST TO GIVE POSITIVE SUPPORT TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. FURTHER PRESSURE ON OUR PART, THEN, COULD POSSIBLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF HINDERING PROGRESS ON BILATERAL FISHING DISPUTE AND REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL LOS ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS TAKEN A SERIES OF ESCALATING STEPS WITH GOE IN EFFORT TO ELICIT ECUADOREAN SUPPORT FOR US POSITION ON KOREA. STEPS BEGAN IN MID AUGUST ON ECUADOR'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS KOREA AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. EMBOFFS AND DCM ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FONOFF OFFICIALS GOING BEYOND THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THAT TIME TO TALK
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ABOUT UNGA RESOLUTIONS. ON SEPTEMBER 29 DCM HANDED DETAILED

NOTE TO MFA SUBSECRETARY ON BASIS STATE 225930. DCM MADE ORAL POINT THAT KOREA ISSUE WAS CONSIDERED VITAL TO US INTERESTS. ON OCTOBER 21 THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FONMIN AGUIRRE WAS DELIVERED AND A NEGATIVE REPLY RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 28. ON OCTOBER 29 THE EMBASSY SENT A FURTHER NOTE EXPRESSING REGRET AT THIS DECISION, STATING IN WRITING THAT THE ISSUE WAS OF VITAL INTEREST TO THE US AND ASKING RECONSIDERATION. IN THE AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE FROM THE CITY, DCM MET WITH HIGH FONOFF OFFICIALS SAME DAY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE AND TO POINT OUT ORALLY BUT UNOFFICIALLY THAT EMBASSY HAD BEEN ASKED TO STATE THAT NON-SUPPORT COULD AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS. THROUGHOUT THESE EXCHANGES, THE EMBASSY WAS IN TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH KOREAN CHARGE AND OCCASIONALLY WITH THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.

3. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MIND THAT THE GOE IS FULLY AWARE OF US DEEP CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON THE GOE ESPECIALLY FROM SOUTH KOREANS, JAPANESE AND OURSELVES. IN ONE INSTANCE, MFA ACTING SUBSECRETARY MAY HAVE MISLED US AS TO ECUADOR'S POSITION. THIS IS EVIDENCE WHICH STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT ECUADOR HAD PLANNED TO GIVE POSITIVE SUPPORT TO THE UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT MOVED HALF A STEP BACK AS A RESULT OF THESE REPRESENTATIONS. BEHIND ECUADOR'S DECISION LIES ITS CONTINUING ASSOCIATION WITH THIRD WOULD CAUSES. MOST IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, MAY BE THE BILATERAL SITUATION: THE US HAS EXCLUDED ECUADOR FROM GSP IN THE TRADE REFORM ACT; WE HAVE ANNOUNCED THE PHASEOUT OF OUR AID PROGRAM AND RECENTLY INFORMED THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON THAT AID WILL NOT PROVIDE FURTHER HOUSING GUARANTEES; AND WE WILL NO LONGER ALLOW US APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO BE USED FOR SOFT LOANS IN ECUADOR THROUGH ANY INSTITUTION. THESE ARE PERCEIVED HERE AS POLITICAL MEASURES. WE HAVE OFFERED ECUADOR MILITARY TRAINING AND FMS SALES, BUT BOTH WERE NECESSARY FOR ANY KIND OF FISHERIES/LOS DIALOGUE. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE CANNOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT ECUADOR TO DO MORE ON KOREA.

4. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE KNOWN OUR REGRET AT ECUADOR'S DECISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 5 REFTL. WE HAVE TOLD ECUADOR THE ISSUE IS OF VITAL CONCERN TO US AND WE HAVE HINTED ORALLY THAT ECUADOR'S VOTE MAY AFFECT BILATERAL RELATIONS (QUITO 7934). WE SEE NO CHANCE THAT FURTHER PRESSURE WILL CHANGE
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THEIR MINDS. MOREOVER, OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE FISHING DISPUTE BILATERALLY, REGIONALLY AND IN THE LOS CONFERENCY MAY BE ENDANGERED IF WE PUSH OR THREATEN FURTHER. WE ACCORDINGLY REQUEST THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS BE CHANGED TO REQUIRE NO FURTHER ACTION WITH THE GOE ON THE KOREA ISSUE AT THIS TIME.
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